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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Daniel St.Cyr

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 25-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 25, 26 and 29-32 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 27 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 8/1/03 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Naoyuki, JP Patent No. 361,150,065, in view of Cohen et al, US Patent No. 6,464,135.

Naoyuki discloses an automatic teller machine for blind person comprising: a cash dispense 10; a bill validator 11; a slip issuer 12; a card reader 13; a printer 14; a keyboard 15; a display 16; movable Braille elements 42-44, including a vibrating mechanism selectively vibrating each movable Braille element to guide the user to different interface; and a voice generator 45 for instructing the user (see figure 1).

Naoyuki fails to disclose or fairly suggests a navigation area wherein the tactile guides extend therefrom for guiding the user.

Cohen et al disclose a method and system for assisting the visually impaired in

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performing financial transactions comprising: in user interface including a plurality of user interface elements (NEXT, PREVIOUS, SELECT); ; a touch-screen display a navigation area having Braille encoding and physical navigation tactile guides, each tactile guide extending from the navigation area to one of the user interface elements so that a user can locate a user interface, wherein the encoding Braille serves as tactile marker associated with each guide indicating the user interface element to which the tactile guide extends, each movable Braille (41-44) selectively vibrate to guide the user (one at a time) (see figure 1 and col. 3, line 4+).

In view of Cohen et al, it would have been obvious to modify the automated teller machine of Naoyuki to include a navigation area with tactile guides extend therefrom and a touch-screen display to facilitate the users' interactions with the ATM wherein each tactile guide could be integrally designed with the vibration mechanism so each tactile would vibrate to accurately guide the user to a specific interface, such as the machine slot, the touch sensitive zone, etc. Such modification would improve the users' ability to interact with the ATM and would expedite each user's transactions. Therefore, it would have been an obvious extension as taught by Naoyuki.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 25, 26, and 29-32 are allowed.
5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: although the prior art of record an automated teller machine which includes vibrating components for guiding users to effective interface with interface elements, but the prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggest all the details of the components including having a first tactile guide extending between the navigation area and the first opening adjacent to the display,

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a second tactile guide spaced apart from the first tactile and extending from between the navigation area and a second opening adjacent a non-display device, a first and a second actuatable vibrating device for vibrating the first and the second tactile guide to enable to the users to interact with the display and the non-display device.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel St.Cyr whose telephone number is 703-305-2656. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G Lee can be reached on 703-305-3503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

Daniel St.Cyr
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Daniel St.Cyr', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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August 22, 2003